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Re: **EX PARTE**

IB Docket No. 95-59; CS Docket No. 96-83; CS Docket No. 95-184;
and MM Docket No. 92-260

Dear Ms. Salas:

Yesterday, July 16, 1998, Andrew Wright, Vice President, Government and Legal Affairs of the Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association ("SBCA"), Karen Watson of Echostar, Merrill Spiegel of DIRECTV, Marvin Rosenberg of Holland & Knight, counsel for USSB, Ben Griffin of Reed Smith Shaw and McClay, counsel for PRIMESTAR and the undersigned met with Meryl Icove and Eloise Gore of the Cable Services Bureau and Rosalee Chiara of the International Bureau.

We discussed previous arguments set forth in the May 27, 1998 ex parte filing of SBCA in the above-captioned proceedings. In particular, we emphasized that Congress did not intend to permit any impairment of individual antenna installation or use on the basis of aesthetic preferences such as those that underlie the proposal of the Community Associations Institute. In addition, we emphasized the importance of allowing viewers the option of owning their own antennas so that those antennas could be removed and reinstalled at a new location if the viewer moves. In today's mobile society, this ability to purchase and take equipment from place to place is important -- as the Commission recognized in the recently promulgated navigation device rules:

[W]e seek to expand the portability of equipment, thereby permitting consumers to purchase navigation devices with some assurance that the equipment can be used beyond its present location. In DBS service, due to the means of signal delivery, a particular provider's equipment is already portable as to that provider across the continental United States because DBS operators offer services nationally....

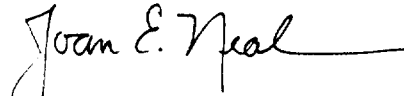
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Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices, CS Dkt. No. 97-80, Report and Order at ¶66 (June 24, 1998).

Two copies of this letter have been submitted to the Secretary of the Commission for inclusion in the public record, as required by Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joan E. Neal", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Communications Association

cc: Meryl S. Icové
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